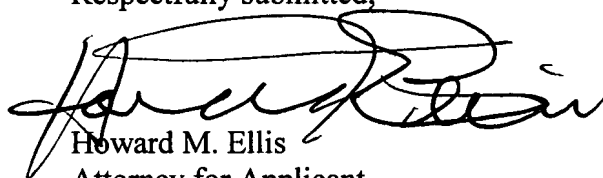


Remarks/Arguments

Claim 14 has been canceled under 37 CFR 41.33(b)(1). The cancellation of Claim 14 does not affect the scope of any other pending claim in the proceeding. As such, the entrance of this amendment is courteously requested.

This amendment is being filed concurrently with an Appeal Brief under 37 CFR 41.37.

Respectfully submitted,

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